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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : GRIP FOR A SPORTS POLE, AND A )  
SPORTS POLE HAVING SUCH GRIP )

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 7, 2005**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated January 7, 2005, for which an extension of time for one month is requested under 37 CFR §1.136(a), from April 7, 2005 to Monday, May 9, 2005, please enter the following amendment.

The following amendment is intended to place the instant application in condition for allowance by amending independent claims 7 and 17 to include the subject matter of allowable claims 13 and 18, respectively, and be presenting an English language translation of Applicants' priority application, thereby antedating a LENHART '418 and placing independent claim 3 and its dependents in allowable form. Other rejected claims are herein canceled.